



## City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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### For Immediate Release

### **National Players present Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* at Arts Barn**

**Gaithersburg, MD – (September 6, 2022)** In partnership with National Players, Gaithersburg *Arts on the Green* presents William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* directed by Jason King Jones. Performances will be held on Friday, September 9 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, September 10 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, and \$8 for youth ages 12 and under. [Purchase tickets online here.](#)

War has ended and soldiers return home to forget their sorrows. It looks like love is in the air. Except between Beatrice and Benedick, who are determined not to fall in love and get married, even as they can't help engaging in daily verbal sparring matches with one another. Their friends Hero and Claudio, along with others, conspire to set them up whether they like it or not, but ill intentions may threaten to break up more than one couple in this play. Tricks, mistaken identity, and a clueless night watchman are on the horizon in this "will they/won't they" comedy that features one of Shakespeare's wittiest couples.

Celebrating its 73<sup>rd</sup> season, National Players is a unique ensemble bringing innovative theater to communities large and small across the United States. Founded in 1949, National Players stimulates youthful imagination and critical thinking by presenting classic plays in invigorating ways for modern audiences. National Players is the hallmark outreach program of Olney Theatre Center, a Helen Hayes Award-winning theatre in suburban Washington, D.C.

The 2022-23 Theater Season includes plays, musicals, theater for young audiences, magic and comedy at the [Arts Barn](#) and [Kentlands Mansion](#). Explore this season's lineup and purchase tickets online [here](#). Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Arts Barn box office or by calling 301-258-6394.

For more information visit [gaithersburgmd.gov](http://gaithersburgmd.gov) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) at *ArtsOnTheGreen*.

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